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*He that plants trees loves others
besides himself
- English Proverb*



ARBOR DAY 2016

Bismarck, ND

'Stay Cool With Trees'



**Friday, May 6, 2016
1:30 p.m.**

New Generations Park

**4000 Valley Drive
(SW corner of Valley Dr & Mustang Dr)
Bismarck ND**

2016 Arbor Day Ceremony

Introductions.....	Brett Gurholt Bismarck Forestry Advisory Board Chairman
Arbor Day Proclamation and Remarks.....	Mayor Mike Seminary
Poetry Readings.....	Liberty Elementary School 5th grade students Kathleen Haarstad, Nancy Hoffman, Kelsey Torgeson and Taylor Wetzstein- 5th grade teachers Kimberly Herman - Assistant Principal
Tree City U. S. A. Award.....	Tom Claeys, ND Forest Service
Partners In Planting Recognition.....	Christy Ames-Davis, Forestry Programs Coordinator Mike Miller, Landscape Arborist
Appleseed Awards.....	Brian Beattie, Bismarck Park Board Stan Churchill, Bismarck Forestry Advisory Board
Arbor Day Address & Dedication.....	Brett Gurholt Bismarck Forestry Advisory Board Chairman
Tree Planting.....	In Recognition of Bennett Kubischta Quaking Aspen
Apples & Tree Hand-out.....	Forrest Von Flickentale, Forestry's Mascot Forestry Advisory Board Members, and Forestry Staff



Arbor Day Tree Dedication

Bennett Kubischta

Bennett made his career with the ND Department of Transportation for 44 years beginning in 1970 and retiring in 2014. In his early years with the Department he was involved in plan preparation of rural and urban roadways. He went on to author environmental documents for numerous projects including box culvert replacements along rural highways, urban projects such as Century Avenue from State Street to Washington Street, and Environmental Impact Statements for projects such as the four laning of US 83 north and south of Max.

In the mid-1990s, Bennett coordinated the Transportation Enhancement (TE) Program from its beginning. It was within the TE Program that he became involved in landscaping projects. As Bennett would say when he was promoting tree planting projects. “When you move into a house the house isn’t finished until the curtains are put up. A roadway isn’t finished until the trees are planted.”

Bennett coordinated a partnership between the NDDOT and the NDSU Landscape Architecture (LA) Department in which LA students gained project development experience developing concepts and bidding documents for highway projects such as I-94 through Bismarck, Bismarck Expressway from I-94 to Rosser Avenue and State Street from 5th Street to Calgary Avenue.

Bennett worked with North Dakota Forest Service staff on small scale tree planting programs, living snow fence projects, and replacing community trees lost to catastrophic weather events. He also worked with consulting firms on landscaping projects in communities throughout the state.

Two of his most recent local projects are the Liberty Memorial Bridge Parks and plantings along I-94 from just west of Sunset Drive in Mandan to the Expressway Bridge across the Missouri River.

Forestry Staff:

Doug Wiles

City Forester

Christy Ames-Davis

Forestry Programs Coordinator

Jerry Henke - Lead Arborist

Mike Miller - Landscape Arborist

Eric Gabbert - Arborist

Julius Lorz - Arborist

Scott Miller - Arborist

John Arlien - Weed Control

Tyler Weichel - Forestry Technician

Carol Miller

Forestry Technician

Greg Schommer

Forestry Technician

Forrest Von Flickentale

Forestry's Mascot



Forestry Advisory Board:

Brett Gurholt, Chairman

Mitch Becker • Stan Churchill

Carolyn Godfread • Erik Dietrich

Doug Prchal • Amy Sakariassen

Nicole Schwehr

Brian Beattie, Park Commissioner

Nancy Guy, City Commissioner

Jeff Heintz

(Director of Public Works - Service Operations)

Greg Smith

(Parks & Recreation District Operations Director)

Recognition

Partners in Planting Sponsors

Sponsorship for the 2015 planting season

Maple Leaf: \$1,000 - \$2,499

- MDU: Environmental Community Opportunity Fund
- Starion Financial
- Plains Commerce Bank

Cottonwood Leaf: \$500 - \$999

- Basin Electric Power Coop
- Cashman Nursery & Landscaping
- Prairie View Landscaping & Nursery
- S & B Landscaping, Inc.
- Wentz Landscape Co.



Honorable Mention:

- Plantperfect
- Walmart (South)

Appleseed Awards

For landscape beautification efforts on public property in 2015

- ♦ Bismarck—Mandan Newcomers Club
- ♦ Farwest Rotary Club
- ♦ Bismarck Rotary Club
- ♦ Sons of Norway
- ♦ Go! Bismarck Mandan
- ♦ Bismarck-Mandan Garden Club
- ♦ HDR Engineering
- ♦ Kiwanis Club

